

Domestic Relations Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana

Minutes
March 16, 2007

The Domestic Relations Committee met at the Indiana Judicial Center in Indianapolis, Indiana on Friday, March 16, 2007 from 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

1. Members present. David A. Ault, Craig J. Bobay, William C. Fee, Roderick D. McGillivray, Robyn L. Moberly, Nanette K. Raduenz, Frederick A. Schurger, and Michael P. Scopelitis, Chair.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Minutes approved. The minutes of the February 19, 2007 meeting were approved.
4. Family violence. Judge Fee reported representatives from the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts met to discuss distinguishing between types of domestic violence. They judges learned about situational violence vs. intimate terrorist violence. They agreed to develop tools for judges to use to distinguish these types of violence.
5. Domestic Relations Benchbook draft. Committee members completed review of the Domestic Relations Benchbook draft chapters on Grandparent Visitation and Third Party Custody actions. Mr. Bercovitz will distribute these revised chapters to members of the committee.
6. Recent legislation. Committee members discussed SB 12, 329, and HB 1019.
7. QDRO email. Jeffrey Bercovitz distributed an email from Mag. Raduenz concerning a new rule by the U.S. Department of Labor concerning QDROs. It was previously emailed to committee members.
8. Next meeting dates. Members of the committee agreed hold a two-day work-study session on Thursday, May 17 from 10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Friday, May 18, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Indianapolis. The Center would pay mileage but no overnights for the two-day work-study session. They agreed to meet again on Friday, July 20, 2007 and August 17, 2007 from 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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